

COVENANT, OR AGREEMENT
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FOR
REFORMATION;
AND
Defence of RELIGION, The Honour
and Happiness of the KING, and the Peace
and Safety of the three KINGDOMS
OF
Scotland, England, and Ireland.

Appointed to be renewed
By the ACTS of the COMMISSION of the
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, and the
COMMITTEE of ESTATES of the
sixth and fourteenth dayes of this
moneth of October.

Jer.50.5. Come, let us joyn our selves to the Lord in a perpetuall Covenant, that shall not be forgotten.

Prov. 28.5. Take away the wicked from before the King, and his Throne shall be established in righteousness.

2 Chron.15.15. And all Judah rejoiced at the Oath, for they had avoun wish all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire, and he was found of them: and the Lord gave them rest round about.

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Excellent Majestie, 1648.

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IN MATTER

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A
SOLEMN LEAGUE
AND
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FOR
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AND

Defence of RELIGION, The Honour
and Happines of the King, and the Peace and
Safety of the three Kingdoms of *Scotland*,
England, and *Ireland*.

WE Noblemen, Barons, Knights,
Gentlemen, Citizens, Burgesses,
Ministers of the Gospel, and Com-
mons of all sorts in the Kingdoms of
Scotland, *England* and *Ireland*, by the
providence of GOD living under
one King, and being of one reform-
ed Religion, Having before our eyes the glory of
GOD, and the advancement of the Kingdom of our
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Honour and Hip-
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pinesse of the Kings Majestie and his Posterity ; and
the true publick Liberty , Safety , and Peace of the
Kingdoms, wherein every ones private condition is
included ; And calling to minde the treacherous and
bloody Plots, Conspiracies, Attempts, and Practices
of the Enemies of G O D , against the true Religion,
and Professours thereof in all places, especially in these
three Kingdoms ever since the Reformation of Religion,
and how much their rage, power and presumption
are of late , and at this time increased and exercised ;
whereof the deplorable estate of the Church and
Kingdom of *Ireland*, the distressed estate of the Church
and Kingdom of *England*, and the dangerous estate of
the Church and Kingdom of *Scotland* are present and
publick testimonies ; We have now at last (after other
means of Supplication, Remonstrance, Protestations
and Sufferings) for the preservation of our selves and
our Religion from utter ruine and destruction, according
to the commendable practice of these Kingdoms in
former times ; and the example of G O D S People
in other Nations , after mature deliberation, resolved
and determined to enter into a mutuall and solemn
League and Covenant : Wherin we all subscribe, and
each one of us for himself, with our hands lifted up to
the most high G O D do Swear :

I. **T**hat we shall sincerely, really and constantly
through the grace of G O D , endeavour
in our severall places and callings, the preservation
of the Reformed Religion in the Church of *Scot-
land* in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Govern-
ment ; against our common Enemies, The Re-
formation of Religion in the Kingdoms of *England* and
Ireland,

in Doctrines, Worships, Discipline and Government, according to the Word of G O D, and the example of the best Reformed Churches; And shall endeavour to bring the Churches of G O D in the three Kingdoms, to the nearest conjunction and Uniformity in Religion, Confession of Faith, Form of Church-government, Directory for Worship and Catechizing; That we and our Posterity after us, may, as Brethren, live in Faith and Love, and the Lord may delight to dwell in the midst of us.

2. That we shall in like manner, without respect of persons, endeavour the Extirpation of Popery, Prelacy (that is, Church-government by Arch-bishops, Bishops, their Chancellours and Commisaries, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Arch-deacons, and all other Ecclesiastical Officers depending on that Hierarchy) Superstition, Heresie, Schism, Prophanesse, and whatsoever shall be found to be contrary to sound Doctrine, and the power of Godliness; Lest we partake in other mens sins, and thereby be in danger to receive of their plagues; And that the Lord may be one, and his Name one in the three Kingdoms.

3. We shall with the same sincerity, reality and constancie, in our severall vocations, endeavour with our estates and lives mutually to preserve the Rights and Priviledges of the Parliaments, and the Liberties of the Kingdoms; And to preserve and defend the Kings Majesties Person and Authority, in the preservation and defence of the true Religion, and Liberties of the Kingdoms; That the world may bear witness with our consciences of our Loyaltie, and that we have

thoughts or intentions to diminis his Majesties just
power and greatness.

4. We shall also with all faithfulness endeavour the
discovery of all such as have been, or shall be Incendi-
aries, Malignants, or evil instruments, by hindering the
Reformation of Religion, dividing the King from his
people, or one of the Kingdomes from another, or ma-
king any faction, or parties amongst the people contra-
ry to this League and Covenant, That they may be
brought to publick triall, and receive condigne punish-
ment, as the degree of their offences shall require or de-
serve, or the supream Judicatories of both Kingdomes
respectively, or others having power from them for
that effect, shall judge convenient.

5. And whereas the happiness of a blessed Peace
between these Kingdomes, denyed in former times to
our Progenitors, is by the good Providence of G O D
granted unto us, and hath been lately concluded, and
settled by both Parliaments, We shall each one of us,
according to our place and interest, endeavour that
they may remain conjoyned in a firme Peace and Uni-
on to all Posterity, And that Justice may be done upon
the wilfull Opposers thereof, in manner expressed in
the precedent Article.

6. We shall also according to our places and callings
in this Common cause of Religion, Liberty, and Peace
of the Kingdomes, assist and defend all those that enter
into this League and Covenant, in the maintaining
and pursuing thereof; And shall not suffer our selves
directly or indirectly by whatsoever combination, per-
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Invitation or Call to all men, that are withdrawn from
this blessed Union and communion, whither to make
defection to the contrary part, or to give our selves to
a detestable indifferency, or neutrality in this cause,
which so much concerneth the Glory of G O D, the
good of the Kingdomes, and honour of the King; But
shall all the dayes of our lives zealously and constantly
continue therein, against all opposition, and promote
the same according to our power, against all Lets and
Impediments whatsoever; And, what we are not able
our selves to supprese or overcome, we shall reveale
and make known, that it may be timely prevented or
removed: All which we shall do as in the sight of
G O D.

And, because these Kingdomes are guilty of many
sins, and provocations against G O D, and his Son Je-
sus Christ, as is too manifest by our present distresses
and dangers, the fruits thereof, We professe and de-
clare before G O D and the world, our unfained desire
to be humbled for our own sins, and for the sins of
these Kingdomes, especially that we havenor, as we
ought, valued the inestimable benefit of the Gospel,
that we have not laboured for the purity and power
thereof, and that we have not endeavoured to receive
Christ in our hearts, nor to walk worthy of him in our
lives, which are the causes of other sins and transgres-
sions so much abounding amongst us, And our true and
unfained purpose, desire, and endeavour for our selves,
and all others under our power and charge, both in
publick and in private, in all dutyes we owe to G O D
and man, to amend our lives, and each one to go before
another in the example of a reall Reformation; That

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1657 Kingdomes
truth and Peace, And this Covenant we make in the
presence of Almighty G O D, the Searcher of all
hearts, with a true intention to perform the same, As
we shall answer at that great Day when the secrets of
all hearts shall be disclosed; Most humbly beseeching
the Lord, to strengthen us by his holy Spirit for this
end, and to blesse our desires, and proceedings with
such successe, as may be deliverance and safety to his
people, and encouragement to other Christian
Churches groaning under, or in danger of the yoke of
Antichristian Tyrannie, to joyn in the same, or like
Association and Covenant, To the Glory of G O D,
the enlargement of the Kingdome of Jesu Christ, and
the peace and tranquillity of Christian Kingdomes,
and Common-wealths.

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